



It was recently announced from Berlin that as soon as the reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba is ratified, Germany will ask both the Cuban and the United States for identical privileges. Other European governments may follow Germany's lead in this respect.

The Seneca Indians now residing in a reservation in Canada have expressed a desire to settle in Oklahoma. The Indians number only about 1,500 in Canada and the number of the same tribe already in Oklahoma is about 350. No definite conclusion has yet been reached in regard to the matter.

James J. Hill, president of the Northern Securities company, is planning to invade California with his great railway, the route being along the Pacific coast south from Portland, Ore. This announcement seems to have stirred into activity several projects of a similar nature from other great railway lines.

The largest natural gas company in the world is to be formed and chartered under the laws of Pennsylvania in the near future, according to a dispatch from Pittsburg, Pa. The new company will have an authorized capital of \$25,000,000.

Carter H. Harrison, the present mayor of the city, was renominated by the democratic convention held in Chicago on March 16 for a fourth term. The nomination was unanimous.

The miners in the Cripple Creek district in Colorado went on a strike on March 17, on account of sympathy with the striking smelter men. The number of men out aggregates 1,700.

The Associated press gave out a cablegram from Colon, under date of March 17, in which it was reported that in accordance with a decree issued at Bogota, the capital, on February 13, all foreign import duties have been considerably increased, in many cases tenfold. Merchants of Barranquilla and Cartagena have cancelled all their American and European orders. The isthmus is exempted from the increase in duties.

On March 17 the people of Manaroneck, N. Y., decided at their village election that they did not want the \$10,000 library offered them by Andrew Carnegie.

There seems to be a great difference of opinion among the railways of the country as to the meaning of the recently enacted Elkins law. A meeting of the Western Passenger association was held at Chicago on March 17 to discuss the meaning of this law as applied to passenger rates and serious difficulty was found in arriving at an agreement on the subject.

It was recently announced that the Venezuelan government accepts without reserve the protocols signed by Minister Bowen and the representatives of the powers at Washington.

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Proof of this was shown in the payment to the German minister of the first installment, amounting to about \$70,000 of the \$340,000 pledged to Germany.

A movement is on foot to protect the wool growers of the country and by western railroads over the action of the eastern lines in raising the rates on wool 15 per cent from Chicago to the seaboard. The staple has heretofore been carried on a commodity tariff, but is now placed in the classes. Washed wool is first-class and unwashed is third-class.

On March 17 the Shamrock III. was launched at Glasgow, Scotland. This yacht was built by Sir Thomas Lipton to compete with an American yacht for the possession of the America's cup. It will be remembered that this is the third attempt by the same person to win victory from this country in this direction.

On March 17 the legislative council of Arizona passed the equal suffrage bill reported from the house by a two-thirds majority vote.

The absconding mayor of the city of Minneapolis, Minn., was returned to that city on March 17 and will be arraigned for his misdemeanors in the administration of his office.

On March 17 the state department received news of a revolution in Uruguay. The dispatch came from United States Consul Swan at Montevideo and was as follows: "Montevideo, March 17.—Revolution has broken out. Railway destroyed. Eight thousand men are camped outside and are marshalling to attack the city. The revolution is serious."

It is feared that serious trouble may ensue between the citizens of Parkersburg, W. Va., and the Baltimore & Ohio railway on account of the arbitrary measures adopted by the railroad. On March 17 the railway brought a force of men into the town before daylight and began to lay a track for five blocks over one of the principal streets of the city. This so incensed the citizens that the fire department was called out and poured a stream of water on the workmen, requiring them to desist. The mayor of the city, who sides with the railroad officials, has been impeached on this account by the city council.

The recent devastations by the high water have not been confined to one section of the country, but seem to affect a very large portion. Dispatches from Rock Springs, Wyo., give news of the inundation of what is known as the Red Desert. Large quantities of supplies and other property have been washed away and a constant watch is being kept on the embankment along the Union Pacific road.

According to a dispatch from San Francisco, Cal., returned missionaries from China give confirmation of the recent rumors regarding the renewed activity of the Boxers. It seems that the movement in southern China is directed against the dynasty, while in the northern part it is against the foreign element. Missionaries are flocking into the cities, the country being no longer safe for foreigners.

On March 17 it was announced from Cleveland, O., that Tom L. Johnson was renominated for mayor of that

city by acclamation at the democratic city convention.

It was reported from Bismarck, N. D., on March 19 that Governor White had signed the bill amending the law relating to druggists' permits. Much pressure was brought to bear on the governor to veto it. It requires 80 per cent of the freeholders and 70 per cent of the women in the town or the ward where the drug store is located to sign a petition before a liquor permit can be obtained.

A memorial to the late J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day, is to be erected in his home town, Nebraska City. The statue is to be a full size figure and will cost about \$15,000, the work being done by Rudolph Evans, the sculptor.

In a speech made by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain in the English house of commons on March 19 he stated that 100,000 Boers had been repatriated and the government had given \$75,000,000 toward the expenses of their resettlement.

It was reported recently that the house and senate of Missouri adopted a resolution submitting an amendment to the constitution, requiring all Missouri railroads to grant free transportation over their lines in Missouri to state officials and legislators during their official terms.

It is said that President Roosevelt

has agreed to participate in the laying of the cornerstone of the Lewis and Clark exposition May 21 at Portland. The president also has consented to take part in the testimonial to Admiral Clark, formerly of the battleship Oregon.

Two mass meetings of citizens of Boston have recently been held in that city "to protest against the suppression of truth about the Philippines and praying for further official inquiry into conditions there."

March 20, the anniversary of the death of Louis Kossuth, was marked in Buda Pesth by unusual student demonstrations and collisions with the police of the city. After a number of arrests had been made, the students dispersed.

A serious break in the Mississippi levee near Memphis, Tenn., on March 20 caused the ruin of many fine plantations along the course of the river. Many families were made homeless and destitute and flocked into Memphis for shelter and food.

#### The Less and the Greater Crime.

Whatever may be said of disfranchisement of negroes by such constitutional devices it is far more decent and honest than the disfranchisement of white people in Pennsylvania by ballot box stuffing and perjury.—Baltimore Sun.

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